

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of May 15, 2007 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 13 - 24 have been examined with claims 13 - 21, 23 and 24 rejected and claim 22 objected to but indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The rejection is under 35 USC 102(b) by Eckert et al.

In reply, claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 25, which is in *prima facie* condition for allowance, while the rejection of claims 13 - 21, 23 and 24 is respectfully traversed.

In claim 13, a device is defined which includes a twist limiting feature. This feature is shown in the preferred embodiment by the stop ring 3 shown in Fig. 3. With the stop ring 3 positioned as shown in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b), the relative rotation of connection flange 10 and the sensor element 2 is arrested. Axial movement occurs, but it is rotation that is arrested as a result. In Eckert et al, there is axial movement without rotation being arrested. See col. 5, lines 5 - 9 which states that "fixing acts only in the axial direction" with the housing 1 and the housing 2 are "supported in the union ring 3 such that they can rotate about a longitudinal axis 6 of the transducer housing 1." There is no limitation on the rotation. This distinction is significant and forms the basis of the patentable difference of the invention over Eckert et al.

The twist limiting feature is defined in claim 13 as comprising "two axial barriers" for limiting twisting. These axial barriers which arrest rotation are not seen in Eckert et al. The elements 5, 7 8 do not limit twisting in Eckert et al. These elements are O-rings, and O-rings serve as seals.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 13 - 21, 23 and 24 allowed along with claim 25

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